

## **CLAIMS:**

### **a. The Cancellation-and-Substitution Method**

Please cancel claims 1-2 and replace them with new claims 3 and 4.

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (new): A pet pad with recorder and playback unit comprising:

- (a) a pad of soft material sized to fit a particular pet having a top surface and a bottom surface, being generally flat and also a definite thickness;
- (b) a heavy plastic pocket fixably attached inside said bottom surface of said pad with an overlapping slit opening;
- (c) a record and playback unit inserted through said overlapping slit in said pocket comprising a voice recorder, a message player that has automatic shut-off and rewind capability after a message has been played, a pressure sensing switch for activating said message player each time a pet lies on said pet pad, a recording switch member to record new messages, and is battery powered, whereby a pet left alone at home or in a kennel or other strange surroundings can be comforted by the soothing effect of hearing a recording of his master's voice each time he lies on said pet pad.

Claim 4(new): A pet pad with recorder and playback unit as defined in claim 3 wherein said pet pad includes a removably disposed cover member that is easily removed for cleaning and wherein said pet pad's plastic pocket is heavy enough to prevent damage to said record and playback unit if the pet tries to chew on said pet pad with recorder and playback unit.